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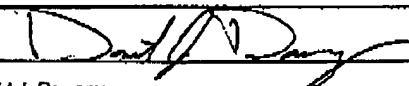
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION**FILED BY FACSIMILE TO 571-273-8300**

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This communication is in response to a non-final Office Action mailed on May 10, 2006.

As this communication is being submitted within three months, it is believed to be timely. Please enter this amendment to the above-captioned application as follows; (1) Claims 1-21 are pending
20 in the application, (2) Claims 1 and 15 are currently amended and Claims 2, 17, and 18 are currently canceled, and (3) Applicant requests consideration of the arguments as follow directed to Claims 1-21. Please enter the following amendments to the claims without prejudice and consider the following remarks, which support allowance of those claims.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the recent office action, applicant amends the claims placing them in a condition for allowance. Additionally, in response to the nonstatutory double patenting rejection, Applicant concurrently submits a terminal disclaimer in the currently pending application number 10/983,154. Further, in accordance with MPEP §804(B), Applicant believes that the

10 "provisional" double patenting rejection is the only rejection remaining in the present application and therefore this rejection should be withdrawn.